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In re Application of  
Haferbeck, et al.  
Application No. 09/826,357  
Filed: June 14, 2000  
Attorney Docket No.: P00,1277  
For: ATM SWITCHING EQUIPMENT HAVING:  
A SWITCHING NETWORK

DECISION GRANTING PETITION

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(e), filed May 14, 2001 and supplemented September 24, 2001, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of June 14, 2000.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on June 14, 2000. Petitioner has provided evidence to this effect, including a copy of an "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" mailing label bearing label number EL568799959US. The same Express Mail label number is referred to in the copy of the original Application Transmittal Letter submitted with the instant petition. 2000. In addition, a search of the USPS Express Mail Information Database indicates that a package bearing Express Mail label No. EL568799959US was accepted by the USPS on June 14, 2000.

In view of the above, the petition is GRANTED.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of June 14, 2000 using the copy of the specification supplied April 5, 2001, the signed declaration filed August 16, 2001, and the two (2) sheets of drawings supplied September 24, 2001.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to Petitions Attorney Alesia M. Brown at (703) 305-0310.

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